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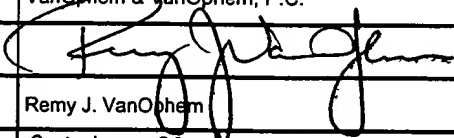
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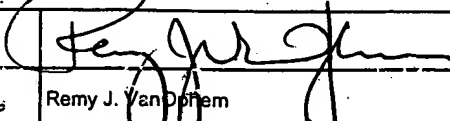
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Communication -

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Sir:

This communication is with respect to the premature issue of a Notice of Allowance dated October 1, 2004 for the above-identified patent application. Enclosed herewith is a copy of the Request for Rehearing of the Board's decision, timely filed on August 16, 2004, also enclosed herewith is a copy of the postcard acknowledging receipt of the filing.

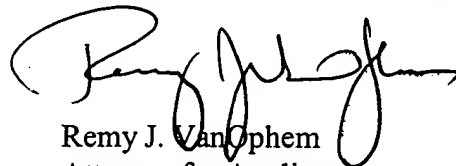
Following a discussion with the clerk from the Board of Appeals Office regarding this matter, it is respectfully requested that the premature Notice of Allowance be withdrawn and that the file be returned to the Board of Appeals for purposes of issuing a decision with respect to the Petition for Rehearing. It is also respectfully requested that no

further prosecution be considered until such time the Board of Appeals issues its decision on the Request for Rehearing.

If the Examiner has any questions with respect to any matter now of record, Applicant's attorney may be reached at (586) 739-7445.

Respectfully submitted,

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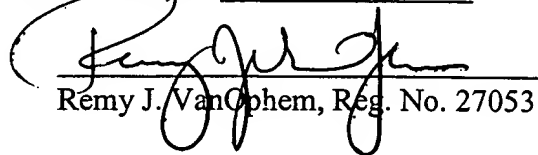
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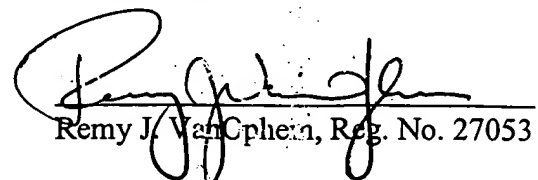
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